

NEWPORT & GWENT PHILATELY

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Members

We welcome Charles Barclay as a new member bringing our total to 31. This will be my final newsletter as I have handed over the job as secretary to Bev Davies after 30 years.

Meetings

The summer meetings now at the Civic Centre continued to prove popular, with John Perry showing the Swedish American Line display that had been shown during May at the RPSL in London and giving a review of the ABPS Congress held in July in Cardiff.

After the usual “new acquisitions” evening, there were visits from the Cardiff club and by David Rye who gave a most entertaining talk on folk dance. Shown here are David and Pat Rye with Bev Davies (left) and Roy Bentley (to right of David).



The evening on “postal stationery” proved to be educational. November started with displays by members of the Bridgend club.

Visits

The club has already made visits to Barry and Bristol and will be visiting Thornbury before the end of November. These meetings are open to all members who wish to come along and display parts of their collections.

ABPS Congress

Congress was held at the Jurys Hotel in Cardiff from 27 to 30 July 2017, with Newport and Cardiff clubs providing the joint local chairmen. Newport members provided several of the

displays. The club web-site illustrates the Congress programme and souvenirs of this prestigious event:

newportgwentphilatelic.weebly.com/other-club-information.html

Full reports of Congress appear in Gibbons Stamp Monthly and ABPS News. It was pleasing to see ten Newport members, nine of whom attended the “local societies” day on the Sunday.



Newport Club 70th Anniversary

The celebrations for the 70th anniversary started early with the Autumn Fair held on 23 September at the Graig Community Centre in Bassaleg, an excellent venue that we had previously used in 2014. This was well-supported by the dealers and attracted at least 125 through the door, helped by publicity in the local newspaper and free entry.

This was followed by the anniversary dinner on 4 October at the Parc Golf Club attended by 27 members and partners.



Two souvenirs were produced to commemorate the occasions, a miniature sheet of stamp labels and a postcard.





Civic Centre Newport - Home of the Society since 1987

Paid-up members who did not receive these and would like a copy, please request before they are all gone.

During the dinner, Roy Bentley presented John Perry with a barometer in recognition of his 30 years as secretary, ending a most enjoyable evening.



The actual 70th anniversary of the club was on 16 October. John Perry had originally written the history of the Newport club in 1997 for the 50th anniversary and those who were members at the time received a printed copy. With the march of technology, the history of the club is now kept up to date on the society's website, which holds lots of other information, including all of the 58 newsletters!

Federation News

Two further active members of the Federation have passed away in recent months. With the death of Glyn Attley, the Cardiff British Rail could not continue to operate. Alan Rosser had been exchange box organiser for many years and had served as chairman of the Federation.

Three Newport members (John Perry, Bev Davies and Alistair MacKinnon) attended the Federation

AGM on 28 October, John Perry completed his second three-year stint as chairman and handed over to Chris Griffiths of Bridgend. With the resignation of Paul Clarke of Cardiff, the Federation is currently lacking a vice-chairman. With no offers from other clubs, Newport will host the Autumn Fair again in 2018 at the Graig community Centre. Please make a note of the date in your diaries: **22 September 2018**

John Perry continues to maintain the website for the Federation: fswps.weebly.com. This is where you will find copies of the Federation Newsletter, if you have not seen it at club meetings. The secretary, Neil Prior, has reduced the frequency from three to two issues each year, the most recent being for April 2017.

ABPS News

The society continues to contribute to ABPS News, copies of which are circulated at club meetings. Recent issues are also in the ABPS website: www.abps.org.uk.

Newport Scout and Guide Post

With no scout and guide stamps for 2016, it was thought that would be the end of the service but it has returned in 2017 by popular demand. While the designs and the price (a bargain at 25p compared with Royal Mail's 56p) remain the same as in 2015, the date is changed to 2017 and some of the sponsors have changed. The stamps are issued self-adhesive in sheets of 50, comprising five rows of ten se-tenant views of Newport.



The club website has a catalogue of all of the know scout stamps issued for the county.

Please remember that our own club website is a mine of local philatelic information:

newportgwentphilatelic.weebly.com.

John Perry, ex – Secretary !